

Attorney Bio Form

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Year First Admitted to Practice Law: 1996

Law School and Year: Emory University, 1996

Graduate School and Year: N/A

Undergraduate Education, Degree, and

Year: University of Cincinnati, College of Business Administration, Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting, Summa Cum Laude, 1993

B.A. from the University of the State of New York in Literature and Persian Farsi, 1991

Community College of the Air Force – Associate of Arts, 1989

Defense Language Institute, Monterey, California with Honors, 1988

Paragraph summary:

JONATHAN D. SAMS is a partner at Sams Fischer, LLC. He is an entrepreneur's and business leader's attorney. Jonathan assists businesses by guiding them through complex legal, governmental, political and business environments. He brings business acumen to legal issues. He brings a business owner's experience to representation.

Jonathan has represented clients through numerous transactional, real estate development, and contractual issues. He has helped make struggling businesses successful and successful businesses great. Though he does not litigate now, he has courtroom experience and experience in complex litigation and class action matters.

Jonathan focuses his representation on helping clients set business, personal and financial goals and developing a plan to achieve those goals.

Jonathan served in as an active member of the U.S. Navy from 1987-1991 as a Cryptologist and Persian Farsi Linguist and was on inactive duty from 1991-1995. He was deployed to the Persian Gulf four times. Jonathan served with the Naval Security Group at the National Security Agency and was granted a Top Secret/SCI clearance. He was awarded the Naval Achievement Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Naval Unit Commendation, Good Conduct Medal, Sea Service Ribbon (with one bronze star), Southwest Asia Defense Medal (with two bronze stars), Nation Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia), Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait). Jonathan served as an aide to Congressman Bob McEwen (R), 6th District Ohio.

Jonathan earned Juris Doctorate from Emory University School of Law and a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting, *summa cum laude*, from the University of Cincinnati, College of Business Administration. He also earned a B.A. from the University of the State of New York with emphasis in Literature and Persian Farsi. Jonathan graduated with Honors from the Defense Language Institute, Monterey, California.

Jonathan is a member of the Bar of the Federal District Court, Southern District of Ohio, Ohio State Bar Association and Warren County Bar Association. He serves as a Turtlecreek Township Trustee. Jonathan is a Trustee and Executive Committee Member of the Ohio Kentucky Indiana Regional Council of Governments. He sits on the Board for the Warren County Convention and Visitors Bureau. Jonathan is past President and former Board Member for Mason Kiwanis. He is also a former trustee for Mason Christian Village and Mason Christian Village Health Care. He is a former Trustee at Cincinnati Christian University as well as the Board of Trustees of the Cincinnati Christian University Foundation. He has been a board member for the ARUNA Project. Other community activities and boards he has served on include KARMA (Persian American Cultural and Social Organization), The Cincinnati Ballet, Festivals of Mason, West Chester Chamber Alliance, Axis Christian Church and Fairfield Church of Christ. He was recognized by *Cincy Magazine* as one of Cincinnati's Leading Lawyers from 2009-2020 and has been recognized as a Five Star Wealth Manager (legal) by Cincinnati Magazine.

Bar/Court Admission(s) and Date(s):

Ohio (1996)

U.S. District Court S.D. of Ohio

__ **Workers' Compensation**

Professional Affiliations/Recognitions (e.g., American Bar Association, Super Lawyers):

MADE Chamber of Commerce (Mason-Deerfield)

Cincy Magazine Leading Lawyer (Honoree, 2009-2020)

Cincinnati Magazine – Five Star Wealth Manager (2012-2014)

Cincy Magazine – 75 on 175 (2013)

Northeast Chamber of Commerce – Small Business of the Year (2012)

Ohio State Bar Association (Member)

Warren County Bar Association (Member)

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Community Involvement (e.g., Church Member, Committee Member):

OKI Regional Council of Governments (Executive Board Member and Trustee)

Turtle Creek Township, Ohio (Township Trustee, 2nd Term)

Warren County Convention and Visitors Bureau (Director)

Mason Kiwanis (Past President, Board Member)

Mason Christian Village (Former Trustee)

Mason Christian Village Health Care (Former Trustee)

Cincinnati Christian University (Member, President's Advisory Board)

Cincinnati Christian University Foundation (Trustee)

The Cincinnati Ballet (Board Member)

AERAS (exotic bird rescue)

ARUNA Project

Warren County Technical Rescue Team (Rescue Technician/Operator)

Festival of Mason (Volunteer)

Fairfield Church of Christ (Member, Volunteer)

Axis Christian Church (Member)

Foreign Languages:

English

Persian Farsi